

REMARKS

In the office action of December 28, 2006, claims 1-5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kisor et al. (European Patent No. 0,683,599-A1) ("Kisor et al.").

The rejection of claims 1-5, 7 and 8 is respectfully traversed since the office action has not demonstrated that Kisor et al. teaches or suggests each and every limitation of these claims.

For example, the office action contends that certain patterns in Kisor et al. correspond to the recited reference tile. However, the office action fails to explain how Kisor et al. supposedly teaches the relevant claim limitations such as the limitation that the reference tile comprises a half-toned binary pattern that would be produced by the predetermined half-toning procedure for such N-pixel tile if the portion of a pre-half-toned data that resulted in such N-pixel tile were of uniform lightness.

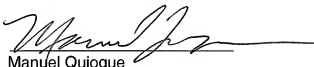
As another example, the office action contends that in order for Kisor et al. to select the correct pixel pattern from the pattern sets, some sort of comparison or test between the number of black pixels in the pixel pattern and block pixel count file is inherently performed. However, the office action fails to explain how Kisor et al. supposedly teaches the relevant claim limitations such as the limitation that an N-pixel tile is compared with a corresponding N-pixel reference tile that comprises a half-toned binary pattern that would be produced by the predetermined half-toning procedure for such N-pixel tile if the portion of a pre-half-toned data that resulted in such N-pixel tile were of uniform lightness.

Conclusion

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

A telephone interview is respectfully requested at the number listed below prior to any further Office Action, i.e., if the Examiner has any remaining questions or issues to address after this paper. The undersigned will be happy to discuss any Examiner-proposed amendments as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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